



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

2 NAVY ANNEX

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

TRG

Docket No: 2702-00

3 November 2000

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 17 October 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by the Chief of Naval Operations, a copy of which is enclosed.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion to the effect that you are not entitled to the Purple Heart. The Combat Action Ribbon and the Navy Occupation Service Medal were previously forwarded to you. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director

Enclosure



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IN REPLY REFER TO

Ser N09B33/OU518587
22 September 2000

From: Chief of Naval Operations (N09B33)
To: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

Subj: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION IN THE CASE OF
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) BCNR ltr AEG:jdh Docket No: 2702-00 of 2 Jun 00

Encl: (1) BCNR File/VA Record/Medical Record
(2) Service Record

1. This is in response to reference (a), regarding [REDACTED] request regarding eligibility for the Purple Heart, Battle of Okinawa Medal, the Japan Occupation Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

2. Upon reviewing the service and medical records of Mr. Mathis and the history of the USS PC 493 and USS PCE 850, the following has been determined:

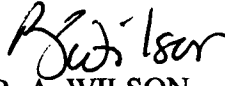
The Combat Action Ribbon has been approved for [REDACTED] World War II service.

Mr. [REDACTED] is entitled to the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Asia clasp for Japan.

Upon review of [REDACTED] service records and the history of the ships, there is no evidence of entitlement for the Battle of Okinawa.

Upon review of medical and service records, there is no evidence of an injury under the conditions which the Purple Heart may be awarded.

3. The Combat Action Ribbon and Navy Occupation Service Medal is enclosed for forwarding to [REDACTED]. This office does not stock the clasp. All enclosures are returned as requested.


B. A. WILSON
By direction